

CABINET WRESTLING WITH GREAT PROBLEMS OF SOFT COAL WAGES

Government Officials Are Expected to Reach Today an Agreement That Will Send the Miners Back to Work in All the Bituminous Mines.

STORY OF IMMENSE PROFITS CONSIDERED

Attorney-General Palmer Declared Before Meeting That if the Profits Were as Big as McAdoo Stated the Wage Increases Must Come Out of Operators.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—President Wilson's cabinet expected to reach a decision today on the wage controversy between the bituminous coal miners and operators that would send the miners back to work.

Before entering the meeting, Attorney-General Palmer said that if the figures as to operators' profits given yesterday by former Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo were correct, it was not likely that Fuel Administrator Garfield would permit an increased price for coal. Any wage advance granted, it was intimated, would have to come out of the operators' profits.

"MADE SHOCKING PROFITS."

McAdoo Wires to Garfield in Regard to Soft Coal Operators.

New York, Nov. 25.—Soft coal mine owners made "shocking and indefensible" profits in 1917, and he "grave doubt" that they are entitled to increased prices because of the proposed 35 per cent increase in miners' wages, William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, declared yesterday in a telegram to Federal Fuel Administrator Garfield. The owners' profits, as shown by their income tax returns examined by him as secretary of the treasury in 1918, he said, showed earnings on capital stock ranging from 15 to 100 per cent.

"I am convinced that the wage increase proposed for the mine workers is just and reasonable," he stated. "Before deduction of excess profits—which were less in 1917 than now—these income tax returns showed that earnings of 100 to 300 per cent on capital stock were not uncommon." Mr. McAdoo's telegram asserted.

Referring to the bituminous mine owners' income tax returns for 1918, which he said he had not seen, the telegram said: "If they disclose any such profits as earned by the bituminous coal operators in 1917, it would be a grave wrong to permit the operators to take from the public additional profits in the form of increased prices for bituminous coal."

Mr. McAdoo urged that no increase in prices of coal to consumers be allowed, and that the income tax returns of the soft coal owners be made public.

CUTTING COAL CONSUMPTION.

Indiana Concerns Are Affected by Coal Shortage.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 25.—Plans for further curtailment of fuel consumption were being considered in cities throughout Indiana today. Suspension of operation of many plants is probable in the next few days unless there is immediate relief from the coal shortage.

In Indianapolis this week practically all stores and factories are being closed at 4 p. m. daily and all manufacturing concerns except those necessary to public welfare will be closed all day Thursday, Friday and Saturday. In at least two other cities in the state early closing of stores and elimination of electric sign and street lighting is effective and several other cities are considering adoption of similar measures.

GRAND TRUNK TO CUT PASSENGER SERVICE

Shortage of Coal May Cause Changes in Freight Train Schedule Also.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—Shortage of coal resulting from the strike in mines of the United States today led the Canadian railway war board to order drastic curtailment of passenger service on the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk railroads, beginning next Saturday. It was announced the order might soon be extended to other roads and might include freight service.

VALUABLE GAS "STRIKE"

South Versailles, Pa., Is Being Dug Up in the Frezzy.

Pittsburg, Nov. 25.—Drillers and gas experts who have inspected the new gas field in South Versailles township, near McKeesport, expressed the opinion today that it was one of the best producing regions in the United States. In the three months since the first "strike" was made, the field has produced more than \$1,000,000 worth of gas.

Property valuations in the field have soared. A hillside lot which sold for \$100 three months ago, is now priced at \$1,000. In South Versailles the school board has leased the school yard to a gas company and a well is being put down.

MONTPELIER

Luigi Broggi Died Last Night—Funeral Will Be Wednesday.

Luigi Broggi of Montpelier died last night at the P. H. H. sanitarium last night, and the body was brought to Montpelier to-day for the funeral, which will be held Wednesday afternoon at the residence of John Migliorini, followed by interment in Green Mount cemetery. Mr. Broggi was born in Italy 45 years ago, and he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. John Broggi and Mrs. John Migliorini of Montpelier, and a nephew, Luigi Pellini. He was an expert carver and had been employed in Montpelier stonehedges. Last fall he had the "flu" and lung trouble developed.

Thomas J. Heaphy has purchased of F. H. Howe of Burlington a nice young Holstein bull to take the place of the one which he recently sold to St. Anselms college at Manchester, N. H.

M. H. Moody of Waterbury was in the city last evening to attend the milk producers' meeting.

Mrs. M. E. McGarver spent yesterday in Burlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Poland of Watfield were in the city today.

George Barber, who was returning from Pembrooke, N. H., yesterday, saw the parts of a Ford car that had been hit by a train near Lebanon. There were four persons in the machine. All escaped injury, excepting one woman, who got scratches on her face. The Ford was smashed beyond repair.

The day-and-a-half-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Love died today.

W. A. Hastings, state forester, has been appointed to attend some conventions in connection with this branch of the agricultural service. He will go to Boston Dec. 2 and 3, to attend the box manufacturers' convention, which the forestry men of the New England states will attend. Dec. 8 and 9 he will be in Albany, N. Y., attending the conference relative to the white pine blister rust. The conference includes the foresters, both state and federal, from points east of the state of Wisconsin. Commissioner E. L. Brigham will leave Saturday for Chicago to attend a meeting on live stock sanitary conditions.

Luigi Broggi, a bird catcher, was taken from the water below Montpelier Junction in a net, and the net was probably \$100 for it is made of silk and is a very nice piece of bird catching apparatus. No arrests have as yet followed the seizure of the net.

Miss Eunice McKenzie, who has been ill for a few weeks, has resumed her work in the state highway commission's office.

R. S. Currier of the state highway office went to Fort Ethan Allen today to bring back to Montpelier the 11 trucks which the federal government recently consigned to Vermont.

E. L. Brigham, commissioner of agriculture, has received from the traffic department of the Maine Central railroad a nice letter, in which the writer sets forth that the farm book which Mr. Brigham recently put out is the best of the kind that the writer ever saw published.

The construction gang on the bridge near West Berlin on the Central Vermont railway stopped work Saturday night because they broke the pile driver. The abutment under the bridge seems to have weakened from the heavy traffic, so that piles are being driven and a trestle will be installed for the winter, and then next spring a new abutment will be constructed.

The will of Mary M. Gervoy, late of Barre, has been presented in probate court. Clinton A. Bartlett of Plainfield has settled his account as administrator of the estate of Maud L. Bartlett, late of that town. B. W. Daniels of Middlesex has settled his account as guardian of Rozella G. Cadman of Middlesex. The will of Ella Dunning, late of Berlin, has been presented to the court. Lauriston L. Stone of Berlin has been appointed guardian of G. Barbara Ditty, a minor, living in Northfield.

R. G. Robinson of Barre has been appointed trustee in the bankrupt estate of A. J. Mariani of that city and has filed his bond. It is now expected that T. H. Cave, Jr., J. B. Eames and Charles H. Wishart, the appraisers, will commence their appraisal of the property. In the Montpelier turning works case, the 25 per cent dividend which was directed by the referee, W. N. Theriault, last week, was being paid by A. G. Eaton, trustee. The invoice above \$1,795. Only a few creditors receive the benefit of this, because the majority of the creditors did not file their claims federal statutes provision of one year against the company until after the time for filing had expired.

The report from the United States bureau of animal industry as received by Commissioner of Agriculture E. L. Brigham, shows that Vermont stands second in the testing of cattle for tuberculosis in the month of October, a total of 4,635 having been tested, while the only state having more than Vermont was Minnesota, with 6,360. Vermont is testing at the rate of 1,000 cattle a week and has at the present time tested this year over 16,000 head.

The case of T. H. Leland vs. D. R. Leonard and the First National bank, the Montpelier National bank, the Montpelier Savings Bank & Trust Co. and the Capital Savings Bank & Trust Co., trustees, was tried to-day before Judge J. S. Stanton by agreement of counsel. It occurred in the county court room. This case involves about \$400, and the question is over the signature

PUTS THE ISSUE UP TO GERMANY

If the Treaty of Versailles Is Not Put into Force by Dec. 1,

GERMAN DELEGATION SHARPLY QUIZZED

Is Asked by Supreme Counsel to State Intentions of Germany

Paris, Nov. 25.—Surprise at the departure of Dr. Simon, head of the plenipotentiaries sent by Germany to this city in connection with the protocol relative to the carrying out of the terms of the armistice, was expressed in a note delivered to Curt von Lersner, head of the German delegation at Versailles, by the supreme council last night.

If the treaty of Versailles is not put into force by Dec. 1, the note adds, the responsibility will lie with the German government, the departure of Dr. Simon inevitably delays further conferences which must be held. Dr. von Lersner is asked, in conclusion, to state what are the intentions of the German government.

It was learned today that Von Lersner sent a letter to Secretary Dattata of the peace conference last Friday to the effect that the head of the plenipotentiaries had become convinced, after the conversations he had in Paris, that he must consult the German government regarding the protocol, especially the national assembly, before he could approve the decisions reached.

The Von Lersner letter protests against the question of the repatriation of prisoners again being bound up with that of putting the treaty into effect, it being pointed out that the allied governments had previously separated these issues. If the promise of France was not kept, the letter declared, German public opinion would not have confidence in any further promise France might make. The letter, in this connection, drew attention to an article published recently in the Presse de Paris on the surrender of war criminals.

Premier Clemenceau, as president of the peace conference, replied on Saturday, saying that Von Lersner's letter made him question if the treaty could be put into force on Dec. 1, owing to the German government's action, although that government had known the contents of the protocol since Nov. 1.

The delay, M. Clemenceau said, would be regrettable, as it might raise doubts of the sincerity of Germany's intentions as regards the execution of the engagements made in the armistice and the peace treaty.

SUBMARINE SANK COASTING SCHOONER

The R-3 Collided with the Oakwoods at the Entrance to Cape Cod Canal—Crew of Latter Rescued.

Bourne, Mass., Nov. 25.—The coasting schooner Oakwoods was sunk in collision with the submarine R-3 off the Buzzard bay entrance of the Cape Cod canal late last night, and the crew of two men were landed at New Bedford today.

The Oakwoods, bound from New York for Pannesboro, N. S., was about to enter the canal. She had all sails set. The submarine had just left the passage en route from Boston for New London. The vessel met off Wing Neck. The schooner went down almost immediately, but the crew got away safely. The R-3 continued on her trip. Her damage, if any, will be ascertained after the vessel is raised.

Cape Cod officials stated that the accident would not interrupt the traffic as the canal is 300 yards wide at the entrance and there is 20 feet of water.

JUGO-SLAVS READY TO FIGHT.

Are Getting Impatient at Delay of Allies in Curbing Italians.

Switzerland, Nov. 25.—Telegrams received by the Serbian bureau at Berne from Belgrade, Zara and Spalato, convey the impression that only prompt interference by the allies can prevent war over the Adriatic situation, as the Jugoslavians are said to have lost patience and to be ready to fight the Italians.

"We are astonished that the peace conference permits our people to endure constant Italian persecution," says one Belgrade paper received here. "Our peaceful attitude is praiseworthy when we might throw D'Annunzio and his filibusters into the sea."

Another newspaper accuses Italy of desiring to blockade Jugoslavians' exports and imports and thus "strangle her." A third repeats recent reports that a reign of terror prevails in Zara, that everybody must wear a brassard inscribed "Italy or death" and that Slavs are forbidden to leave their houses.

of a receipt. Leland claims he never received the money, while Leonard has a signed receipt which he claims Leland gave him. Modern method of identification of the signature was used by Frank H. Dewart of Burlington testifying about photographing the signature, which was shown in court. Thereafter, Leland appeared for the plaintiff, while H. C. Shurtliff, who succeeded C. B. Adams after he withdrew from the case, defended.

STATES MUST ENFORCE LAW

Together With Municipal Authorities Under Constitutional Prohibition

DECLARES FEDERAL "DRY" COMMISSIONER

Government Will Intervene Only When Incompetence Is Shown

Washington, D. C., Nov. 25.—Enforcement of constitutional prohibition will be placed squarely up to state and municipal authorities and the federal government machinery will not intervene unless obvious inefficiency on the part of local officials make such action necessary, the board of temperance of the Methodist Episcopal church was told here today by John F. Kramer, federal prohibition commissioner. It was Mr. Kramer's first announcement of policy since he assumed office a week ago.

Mr. Kramer said the people of the country could be divided into two classes.

"Heretofore the line of demarcation has been between those who favored the prohibition of the liquor traffic and those who opposed it," he said. From now on the line of demarcation will be between those who are in favor of obeying the law, whether their personal views in regard to the liquor law or not, and those who will be ready and anxious to violate the law."

Describing the machinery being set up for the enforcement of prohibition laws, Mr. Kramer said: "The first step would be with the various state inspectors."

"They will keep themselves informed as to conditions in their states," he said, "and will report to the state federal director, who will investigate and report to the district federal agent, who will use his force to investigate and arrest if evidence warrants. One of the chief duties of the state federal director will be to enlist the aid of all state officers. He will also endeavor to secure the backing and support of all civic, moral and religious bodies."

Affirming his belief that the great majority of Americans are people who heartily abide the prohibition law, he declared that "this fact will tell mightily in the matter of getting results from the law." He declared that local authorities should be "jealous of their rights of enforcement and zealous in the performance of their duty."

"The prohibition law has been attained only if the great mass of law-abiding people make their influence and power felt," Mr. Kramer said. "Obedience to law should be preached from every pulpit, taught in every school room, urged from every platform."

Warning the boards that the battle for prohibition was "but well launched," Mr. Kramer declared that the greatest danger to the friends of prohibition faced was that "our people are not given to maintaining a continued effort along any particular line of reform."

"The battle for prohibition is not won," he said, "we have gained ground of great strategic advantage. We must not only hold it, but capture advanced positions as well."

TO FORMALLY OPEN CANAL.

Secretary Baker and Gen. March Will Throw Panama Open to Commerce.

Washington, Nov. 25.—Secretary Baker, with General March, chief of staff, and Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, will leave New York Sunday on the transport Great Northern for Colon, where the secretary will formally open the Panama canal to the commerce of the world.

TALK OF THE TOWN

The attempt to secure a competitive high school football team here to meet Spaulding's sturdy eleven on Thanksgiving day was all in vain yesterday when the management of the team has decided to postpone the season ended.

Way down in distant Kentucky went the news that the Barre granite industry lacked the necessary number of apprentices and that for this reason the wage scale was being greatly increased to induce young men to learn the trade. Through a granite dealer in Louisville, Arthur Solberg, late of the United States navy, learned of this opportunity to enter this vocation and arrived here yesterday from Kentucky. The association secretary assigned him to the Johnson & Gustafson manufacturing firm, where this morning he was learning the fundamentals of the work.

Sugar cards were still in demand this morning at the city court room, where ex-Judge H. W. Scott, with his stenographer, has been distributing the cards to clients. The cards are being distributed to the city and Barre Town. Eight hundred and eighty had been disposed of from yesterday morning at 9 o'clock until 12 o'clock today. During the present week the supply on hand among the various merchants allows but half a pound to a person even to induce a consignment, came in this morning to one or two of the large grocery firms. Whenever possible dealers will distribute more than half a pound to a person, in fact, as much as possible; but with the present outlook the increase in output is not likely to come soon.

With the football season at a close, Goddard seminary will begin preparations for one of the hardest schedules in basketball that this aggregation has ever undertaken, which includes a trip through western Massachusetts. The teams played on that trip will include Deerfield seminary at Springfield, Holyoke high school and Springfield Y. M. C. A. college seconds at Springfield. The seminary boys will also take a trip into the eastern part of Massachusetts. This trip will include Fitchburg State Normal school, Cushing academy and Dean academy. All candidates reported to Coach Leachy to-day in the gymnasium. The squad will observe regular practice meets on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3:30 in the afternoon. The team will be used on other afternoons by the class teams. The first game of the season will be staged in Barre on Dec. 12, Goddard and St. Michael's battling.

PROFESSOR SO POOR HE CAN'T BUY SHOES

Pittsburg, Nov. 25.—Carnegie Institute of Technology professors are so poorly paid that some of them are unable to have eggs for breakfast and at least one of them is unable to buy himself a much needed pair of shoes.

These statements are said to have been made yesterday at a meeting of the general faculty and made public to-day when resolutions asking the trustees to revise the salary schedule were sent to the trustees.

PLAN SPORTSMEN'S MEET.

Vermont Fish and Game League Discussed It at Banquet.

Burlington, Nov. 25.—The annual meeting of the Vermont Fish and Game League was held last evening at the Hotel Vermont with an attendance of leading sportsmen from all parts of the state. In addition to the election of officers, some important matters were brought up, including the purchase by the state of the estate at the mouth of the Lamolle river for the purpose of breeding game birds and the holding of a three days' sportsmen meet next summer in some part of Vermont.

A legislative committee which will look after the interests of the organization at Montpelier will have charge of the matter of purchasing the property at the mouth of the Lamolle river. It can be bought for less than \$10,000 and options on the holdings are already in the possession of the fish and game commissioners.

The president of the league and the fish and game commissioners were instructed to arrange for the three days' sportsmen convention, which will be held in conjunction with the state trap shooters' convention, the Green Mountain club and the Audubon society. In the program for the convention will be trap shooting and speeches by prominent sportsmen.

The sentiment developed at the meeting was that the hunters of the state should come in for a share of the benefits derived from the activities of the organization as well as the fishermen who have had a lot done for them the last season.

The officers were elected as follows: President, Lester H. Green of Montpelier; secretary, Dr. H. L. Paché of Burlington; treasurer, Charles F. Lowe of Montpelier; vice-presidents, W. R. Warner of Vergennes, S. E. Hawkes of Burlington, D. J. Adams of Danbury, J. Gregory Smith of St. Albans, M. R. Proctor of Proctor, R. L. Patrick of Burlington, Edward Connell of Northfield, H. L. Hatch of Randolph, C. S. Webster of Barton, Dr. Charles A. Gale of Rutland, Fred L. Winn of Montpelier, H. C. Rice of Brattleboro and G. D. Gridley of Windsor.

MAY LOSE STREET CARS.

St. Albans Company Is in Arrears on Cost of Road Improvement.

St. Albans, Nov. 25.—St. Albans may be without a street car line as a result of the St. Albans and Swanton Traction company's refusal to pay arrears on a special assessment of \$2,000, which the city council at a meeting Nov. 3, that the collection of the account should be pressed.

In the event of the city proceeding along the lines laid down there is a possibility that the traction system that the street railway company will suspend operation. Because of the approaching holidays a delegation of business men has visited Mayor H. M. Drennan and requested him to hold up action against the company at this time. Consequently Mayor Drennan has called a special meeting of the city council for this evening at eight o'clock, at which time the difficulties between the city and the company will be re-opened. A delegation of business men will be present.

The trouble between the company and the city, financial officer, Mr. Drennan explained, that it is provided that the company must bear its proportion of the expense for street work, being held for half the expense of construction between its tracks and two feet on each side. The mayor says that the company is behind in its payment for a round sum of \$2,000. It is to force the collection of this money that the city attorney has been instructed to begin action.

As the case would not be returnable until the March term of the Franklin county court, the traction system would be tied up completely unless the company furnished the bond and the fear that the company would welcome the opportunity to suspend operation and therefore would not file the bond is what moved the merchants to act as they did.

DEPUTY SHERIFFS INVOLVED.

Washington County Officers Had Quantity of Liquor.

St. Albans, Nov. 25.—Two deputy sheriffs of Washington county, John H. Jones and DeColombo, were charged with "dutch" with the United States government as a result of being found with a considerable amount of Canadian liquor in their possession. The liquor and the automobile in which it was being transported were seized by the United States customs officers and are being held in this city. The arrests were made in Colchester on the night of Nov. 19.

When the officers of the United States government stopped the Vermont car, the officers discovered that the car had in its possession two cases of Canadian gin and three cases of Canadian whiskey. It cost them \$200 one said.

The two men disclosed that they had secured the contraband liquor from a man named Lawson in Shelburne Junction, whom they described as living in a house "near the hotel." Lawson has been taken into custody by the state authorities and is being held in the Franklin county jail here.

A gun was discovered in the possession of the men, who said they took it along in case they saw a duck at the river side. It was brought out that one of the men went to Shelburne about two weeks ago and claimed at that time to have given Lawson \$200 with which to purchase liquor.

Donald Allen of Montreal returned to his home to-day, having spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gilbert of 19 French street.

BIG ROBBERY -OF FURS MADE

Rines Bros.' Store in Portland, Me., Was Burglarized Last Night

TWENTY HUDSON SEAL COATS TAKEN

The Robbers Are Believed to Have Taken Their Loot to Boston

Portland, Me., Nov. 25.—Twenty Hudson seal coats valued at \$7,500 and three fur neckpieces valued at \$150 each were stolen during last night from the store of Rines Bros., in the retail shopping district on Congress street. The robbers were experts in the fur business, in the opinion of the police, who believed that the goods were taken to Boston by automobile.

THETFORD WOMAN WAS BADLY HURT

When Train Struck Automobile Carrying Four People at Lebanon, N. H., Yesterday Afternoon.

Lebanon, N. H., Nov. 25.—An automobile, owned and driven by A. E. Smith of Thetford, Vt., was struck by a train yesterday afternoon at Jones crossing in this village, seriously injuring Mrs. Smith, who was riding on the front seat with her husband, and was taken to the Thetford hospital in Hanover, where she is in a critical condition.

Other occupants of the car were James Barrett and Mrs. Frank Favory of Thetford, who saved their lives by jumping. Mr. Smith also escaped serious injury, but was somewhat shaken up and bruised.

The touring car was practically new and became stalled on the crossing curve. Witnesses said the train was proceeding very slowly, as it had just pulled out of the station, but on account of the curve, the engineer did not see the machine in time to stop. The automobile was carried about 75 feet down the track and wedged in between the rails and a bank wall. The car was demolished.

STRUCK BY TRAIN AND DRAGGED 40 FEET

L. M. Downey of Newport Received Fatal Injuries, One Leg Being Cut Off at the Hip.

St. Johnsbury, Nov. 25.—L. M. Downey of Newport, who was struck by a southbound Boston and Maine train at Newport yesterday afternoon, died a few hours later in St. Johnsbury just as he was being removed from the ambulance to Brightlight hospital. The man was employed as janitor in the federal building at Newport and was returning to his duties when the accident happened. He was crossing the tracks. He was lame and this hampered him in trying to escape the engine, which rounded a curve just as he was on the crossing. The locomotive caught him and dragged him 40 feet. His right leg was taken off at the hip. Mr. Downey was 40 years old. He leaves a wife.

FOUND UNCONSCIOUS ON SHIP.

William Charles, Jr., Seaman, Died Shortly Afterward.

Word was received in Barre today by Henry Alexander, who is from Quincy, Mass., for the time-being, that William Charles, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. William Charles of Quincy, formerly of Barre, died at a Florida port, where the ship to which he was attached was stopped. The ship was en route to Mr. and Mrs. Charles was that their son was found unconscious in the engine room of the ship and after Mrs. Charles had started for Florida another message came, telling of the young man's death. No arrangements for the funeral have been made.

SIX ARE DEPRIVED

Of Their Right to Operate an Automobile in Vermont.

Harry A. Black, secretary of state, today suspended six automobile operators' licenses for one or another reason. Those included William Laundry of Calais for an accident. His car ran into that of Henry Berry recently. Fred Stinehour of Springfield lost his on the grounds of being an unfit person to operate a school and entering the car. St. Albans lost his for an accident that recently took place in that city, and failure to report the same. Charles Lamond of Sheldon Junction was deprived of his for operating a car while under the influence of liquor, according to the report received by the secretary. David Moody of Orleans loses his for reckless driving. Ernest H. Russell of Burlington, for conviction in Rutland of operating a car when he was intoxicated.

The secretary of state has received the report of an accident which happened in Montpelier Nov. 22, when Maurice W. Dewey drove his automobile into a hay rack that was being driven out of the Perkins stable alley. The excuse given for the accident was that there was no light on the hay rack. Mr. Dewey offered to settle for damage done, but from the report it appears none was done.

REVIEW WILLIAMS' EXCEPTIONS.

Attorney General Received Them in Case Taken to Supreme Court.

Attorney General Frank C. Archibald of Manchester arrived in Montpelier this morning to go over the exceptions of the defense in the case of State vs. F. C. Williams, charged with failure to perform his duties as bank commissioner relative to adding the state auditor when H. F. Graham was in that office. The transcript of the evidence was not copied until about the middle of the last term of supreme court and the court directed that the defense have exceptions ready for filing by Dec. 1. J. Ward Carver, who was on that case, reported to the attorney general that he is now ready for that office to review them.

WALLOWING IN ATLANTIC.

Wooden Freight Steamer Kangi Has Trouble with Boilers.

Boston, Nov. 25.—The wooden freight steamer Kangi is wallowing in the Atlantic 200 miles east of her destination at Hampton Roads, able to make but little headway because of failure of her port boilers. Radio messages to-day asked that help be sent. The Kangi is bound from Cardiff.

BILL CARLISLE—HE'S SOME JUMPER

Springfield, Mass., Nov. 25.—Chief of Police Quilly to-day received a letter purporting to be from the escaped Wyoming penitentiary convict, Bill Carlisle. The letter read:

"Dear Chief—Just a line to let you know I've arrived. How's the hunt? Can't stop for answer. With much luck to myself. Bill Carlisle. 'Former Convict 2883.'"

The letter was mailed in this city last night.

JEALOUS MAN SHOT HIS WIFE

Then Killed Himself on the First Anniversary of Their Marriage

FIVE SHOTS FIRED, FOUR "KING EFFECT"

Mrs. Mary Robbins' Condition at Waterville, Me., Considered Serious.

Waterville, Me., Nov. 25.—Henry Robbins, aged 19, of Bath killed himself after critical wounding his wife, Eva Butler Robbins, aged 20, at the home of the latter's sister here today, on the first anniversary of their marriage. Five revolver shots were fired, three of which took effect in the critical condition of the wife. Mrs. Robbins' condition was considered very serious, but her physician expressed the opinion that her life might be saved. She had been visiting her parents. Robbins was searching for work here.

FARM ORGANIZATIONS ARE OF BENEFIT

Declared Speakers at Washington County Meeting of New England Milk Producers' Association.

The Washington county meeting of those associated with the New England Milk Producers' association occurred in Montpelier Monday evening in the Old Fellows' hall, being attended by 75 persons. M. H. Moody of Waterbury introduced the speakers during the evening. J. B. Phelps of Stowe, F. S. Adams of Bowdoin, Me., and Richard Pattee of Boston, who are connected with the milk producers' association.

Mr. Adams was the first speaker and discussed organization. He said that the dealers do not like to have the farmers organize, but that the farmers must do so to get the results and do away with the middlemen getting all the profits. He told what system has done in Maine for the apple growers, who are able to have expert packers instead of doing the work themselves because they find it cheaper and that when a barrel of apples is marked with the trademark established by these packers the consumers know just what they are getting. They have been following about the same plan in potato business. He told what the farmers' union has done for some of the Maine and other states. He said that the standardization must come and that it has come in the automobile business, nearly everyone being unable to afford other than a Ford, so the farmers must standardize on farm machinery.

Mr. Phelps spoke of the movement in the northwestern states to incorporate the creameries into a stock company of \$100,000 capital. He did not agree that the Turner Center plan is practical. He favored having the creameries in Vermont at present make butter and cheese because of the present high price paid for these products.

Mr. Pattee said that the work of the year showed that progress was being made and that the farmers are coming to appreciate what the organization is to them, for on Jan. 1, 1919, there were 13,885 members but now there are 19,231 and the organization will be shown by the end of the year. He congratulated Washington county upon what its society has done and spoke at some length upon the organization and imperfections. He said that the farmers will have to agree on what they are going to do and on what to demand of persons or bankers hand out to them; the farmers must meet their problem in a business way and they can do it. He expressed appreciation of the help Montpelier gave the organization when the milk strike occurred in Boston several years since.

Mr. Pattee explained how that for a long time four or five corporations have controlled the shipment of milk because they had all of the cans but that the farmers will have to take over this. It will cost them at the rate of \$4